On page 7, line 2, please insert) -- FIGURE 6A is a top plan view of one alternative embodiment of the block of Fig. 6 showing two protrusions on the top surface thereof.

On page 7, line 3, please insert - FIGURE 6B is a top plan view of one alternative embodiment of the block of Fig. 6, showing an outwardly curving front surface thereon.--

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 17, 30, 48 and 49 as follows:

back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said second side having a second inset wherein said inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said second side having a second inset wherein said inset extends from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, said block comprising [a] at least one protrusion on one of said top or bottom surfaces, said protrusion configured to mate with the inset of one or more adjacently positioned blocks, said protrusion comprising first and second side surfaces wherein said first side surface is angled to interlock with one or more blocks positioned adjacent said composite masonry block, and said second protrusion side surface is angled to facilitate manufacture.

and a back surface, a top surface and bottom surface, and first and second sides, said first side having a first inset wherein said first inset spans from said block top surface to said block bottom surface, [a] at least one protrusion on one of said block top or bottom surfaces, and, first and second legs, said first leg extending from said block first side and said second leg extending from said block second side, said protrusion comprising first and second side surfaces wherein first side surface is angled to interlock with one or more blocks positioned adjacent said composite masonry block, and said second protrusion side surface is angled to facilitate manufacture.

blocks of claim[s]

blocks of claim 30. (Amended) A structure comprising more than one of the

## <u>REMARKS</u>

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application in the last response. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome certain formal concerns of the Examiner.

With regard to the objection to the drawings, and the disclosure, as well as the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §`112,